When a Black Overspreading Cloud

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  When    a black over-             spreading cloud Has

| d' -  s  -  l  -  fe -  | s  -  -  -  -  -  t  -  |
  dark'ned all the          air; And

| d' -  l  -  r' -  t  -  | d' -  l  -  t  -  s  -  |
  peals of thunder          roaring loud Pro-

| l  -  d' -  r' -  t  -  | d' -  -  -  -  -  -  |
  claim the tempest         near.
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The other verses

2 Then guilt and fear, the fruits of sin,
The sinner oft pursue;
A louder storm is heard within,
And conscience thunders too.

3 The law a fiery language speaks,
His danger he perceives;
Like Satan, who his ruin seeks,
He trembles and believes.

4 But when the sky serene appears,
And thunders roll no more;
He soon forgets his vows and fears,
Just as he did before.

5 But whither shall the sinner flee,
When nature's mighty frame,
The pond'rous earth, and air, and sea,
Shall all dissolve in flame?

6 Amazing day! it comes apace!
The Judge is hasting down!
Will sinners bear to see his face,
Or stand before his frown?

7 Lord, let thy mercy find a way
To touch each stubborn heart
That they may never hear thee say,
"Ye cursed ones depart."

8 Believers, you may well rejoice!
The thunders loudest strains
Should be to you a welcome voice,
That tells you, "Jesus Reigns!"

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